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COVER

Devotees of the "post-graduate school" of dry fly fishing take to the North Fork of the Snake River in June and July. Along this stretch in front of the Flat Rock Club is found fly-casting at its best.

Let's Be Sportsmen . . .

The time is again with us when nearly one half of our state population picks up some form of rod, reel and line, and heads for a stream, lake or pond. Fired with enthusiasm—filled with eagerness—and determined to outwit a trout, bass or blueback; they will seek out and pursue their objective with varying degrees of effort.

We are fortunate in Idaho that we have so many miles of good rivers and side streams. We have been endowed with nearly 2000 mountain lakes. We have reservoirs and farm ponds. We have primitive areas. And we still have room to cast a fly, or troll a flatfish.

We also have a great deal of room in which to improve our manners. Fishing is a grand form of recreation. It brings one close to nature, and provides time for a little calm reflection. In fact, fishing is something that just can't be beat. But the way a lot of people go at it can certainly be improved.

More than ever with our increased population and heavy fishing load, we are faced with the fact that there are others with us on a stream or a lake. They also desire to fish and enjoy their time outdoors, and they are entitled to courtesy and consideration.

Trout fishing on a small stream or river can be serious business. The quiet, cautious approach often spells success. But who can consummate such delicate planning and action, when some eager line swisher barges down over the bank and casts into the same pool. Or rolls rocks about. Or charges down upon one with loud cries of "Did yah get any? What'er you using? Is this a good hole?"

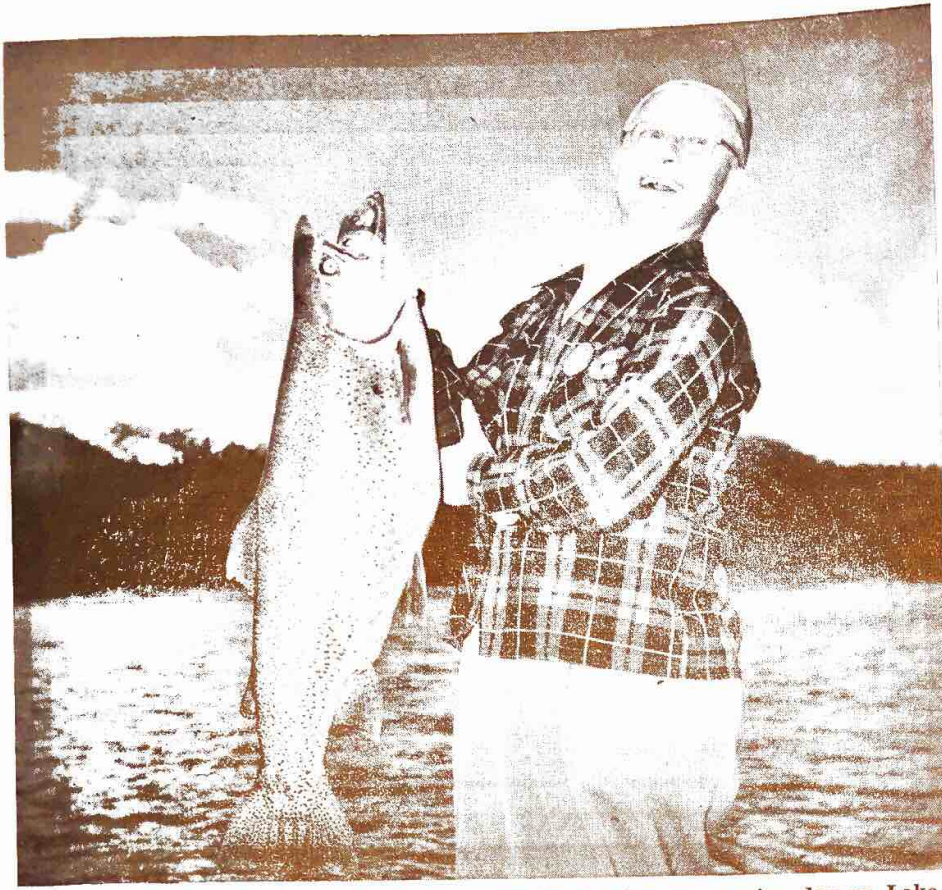
The speedboat enthusiast with his roaring motor and wave creating form of propulsion often seems to require the narrow space along the shoreline immediately in front of the bank fishermen for some feindish purpose of his own. This always creates a feeling of happiness among bank fishermen, and they comment freely on the various good things that they wish would happen to this character.

Another boating menace is the "line crosser" who seems bent on cutting across the line of traffic where boats are trolling up and down the lake shore, thereby gathering up several lines in the process.

Then we have the "overhead caster" who stands behind you and casts a lethal plug, garnished with specially honed hooks, and weighted with a skull crushing lead dropper. If he gets this secret weapon past your head and into the water, he then is in an excellent position to push you to one side while he retrieves his paraferalia. After he has opened this space in the line he usually is perfectly content to remain in his advantageous position.

We also have the "crop crusher" who is at his best when wandering in the farmers oats, hay or other produce. He may do this by cutting cornerwise across a field, or by merely zig-zagging back and forth along the stream bank. This same jolly good fellow is probably a "fence pusher downer." This not only makes it easy for him to enter the property, but at the same time fixes it up so that everyone else will not be confronted with this obstacle.

The list of obnoxious and unsportsmanlike actions is a long one. We think that these conditions can be improved with the application of a little common courtesy and good manners. The fisherman who makes the courtly gesture will feel better. The one who benefits may in turn improve his streamside manners.



Harold Finley, Sandpoint, holds Kamloops trout taken on opening day on Lake Pend Oreille. Fish weighed 23 lbs., 14 oz. Largest Kamloops taken at Pend Oreille weighed 37 pounds.

Herman Sperling, Boise, displays catch of 3-man party, a poundage limit of rainbow trout from Magic reservoir.



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Conservation Officer Al Lyle holds a 23-pound mackinaw trout taken from the waters of Priest Lake by Claude Holling of Nordman. Record mackinaw taken at Priest Lake this year weighed 51 pounds.

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Dale and Paul Larsen, Pocatello, with two nice rainbows taken near McRae's landing, Island Park, on opening day.

